(e) the Auxiliary Nurse Midwives lacked skills in performing their duties at the Sub-centre in the absence of adequate training and re-training inputs.

On the basis of the findings, the ICMR have recommended in their report that while enough attention is to be given for improving the manpower and other infrastructural facilities, greater emphasis is required to enhance the managerial, supervisory and technical skills of medical and other health functionaries for improving both the quality and coverage of MCH and Family Planning Services.

Creation of Primary Health Care infrastructure falls under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme.

Manufacture of low cost personal computers

*100. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to manufacture low cost personal computers in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed computers;

(c) what would be the cost of the said computer and whether Government propose to export such computers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government is making efforts to bring down the cost of personal computers through standardization and bulk purchase of materials.

(b) Salient features of the standardized configuration is given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Estimated cost of the computer based on the above configuration is expected to be substantially lower than the cost of personal computers at present in the country. There are possibilities for export off such computers.

Statement

Salient features of the proposed low cost computers

1. P. C. with

—8038 or eqivalent 16 Bit CPIL

—Clock Speed 4.77|8|10 Mhz

—256 KB RAM, expandable to 640 KB| 1MB

—1 RS 232 C Serial Port

—1 Centronics Parallel interface

—RTC with battery back-up

—3 Expansion slots on mother board

Provision for:

—Numeric Co-processor

—360 KB FDD with 2nd drive option

—12" monochrome monitor with Key Board

—Colour graphics option

2. VDU with screen size 12" non glare, monochrome

3. Standard Key Board

—4. Floppy Drives 5.25", 360 KB|1.2

5. Power supply of capacity 90 watts with -DC output for PC|XT and with UPS facility. The tolerance of the power supply to voltage and frequency should be in the range 160—260 volts and 50 Hz plus 5 per cent respectively.

Discovery of a new kind of cheap petrol

687. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply of Unstarred Questions 4305 and 4400 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st September, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the findings of the team of CSIR Scientists who were asked to verify the claim of one Shri Babu Mathew of Idukki district in Kerala that he has discovered a cheap kind of petrol;